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SUBJ: SEATO: 19TH COUNCIL MEETING

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1. DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS OVER LAST TWO DAYS BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DONALD HARPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AND MERVIN NORRISH, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RE NEW ZEALAND PLANS FOR SEATO COUNCIL PARTICIPATION, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT PRIME MINISTER KIRK PLANS TO ADDRESS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT OCTOBER 2-4, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL PROCEED TO LONDON. KIRK CANNOT GO EARLIER TO NEW YORK BECAUSE HE HAS TO BE HERE FOR NEW ZEALAND VISIT SEPTEMBER 26-30 OF SHAH OF IRAN. EVEN IF KIRK COULD BE IN NEW YORK ON
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SEPTEMBER 27, HE WOULD NOT ATTEND SEATO COUNCIL. ONE REASON

IS THAT HE WOULD BE THE ONLY PRIME MINISTER PRESENT.
ANOTHER IS THAT LEFT WING OF KIRK'S OWN LABOUR PARTY
WOULD BE PUT OUT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW KIRK'S PUBLIC
CRITICISM OF SEATO DURING LAST PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

2. MFA OFFICIALS BELIEVE, AND WE CONCUR, THAT KIRK'S
HEALTH IS VERY MUCH ON THE MEND. IF THIS IS CORRECT, AND
GIVEN KIRK'S STRONG DESIRE TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
THE PRIME MINISTER IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WILL LEAVE WELLINGTON
FOR NEW YORK ALMOST AS SOON AS THE SHAH HAS DEPARTED. TIME
HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SET ASIDE FOR KIRK TO ADDRESS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY BETWEEN OCTOBER 2-4. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND
KIRK DOES NOT GO TO NEW YORK, MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE
AND ASSOCIATE FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH WALDING WOULD ATTEND
BOTH THE NGA AND THE SEATO COUNCIL. THERE IS ANOTHER
POSSIBILITY OF MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE IF A MINISTER HAPPENS
TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF NEW YORK AROUND
SEPTEMBER 27. THIS MINISTER WOULD ATTEND SEATO COUNCIL
EVEN THOUGH KIRK WERE COMING A FEW DAYS LATER FOR ADDRESS
TO UNGA. THE CURRENT OUTLOOK, ACCORDING TO OUR MFA SOURCES,
HOWEVER, IS THAT NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO THE UN TEMPLETON
WILL ATTEND 19TH SEATO COUNCIL MEETING.
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